

Notes and Comments.

Who Oppose It? It is well known that at the election this fall in California, Woman Suffrage was defeated, but the reason of it is not generally known. As a rule who are the opposers of woman suffrage? There are exceptions, but the rule is that the rum and "bum" elements oppose woman suffrage everywhere. In speaking of the defeat in California the *Woman's Journal* says:

Every religious convention held in California while the amendment was pending passed resolutions in its favor. The Liquor League organized from one end of the State to the other to oppose it. The colleges, the churches, the teachers' conventions, the philanthropic societies, the women's clubs, the educated and respectable people generally, favored it. But the ignorance and vice of California were against it, and the slums of San Francisco turned the scale. But the work done has not been wasted. The seed so freely sown will yet spring up and bear a golden harvest in the Golden State.

Enthusiasm. It is a good thing to be enthused, but we need to be cautious that our enthusiasm does not run away with our better judgment. One whose religion consists in feeling alone is likely to be a fanatic. On the other hand one whose religion is purely intellectual is likely to be a cold formalist. There should be a proper mingling of the emotional and the intellectual. Enthusiasm, unless properly guided, will end in wild excitement, and this is always dangerous. Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, than whom there is no more ardent and enthusiastic missionary in all the land, says he is a little afraid of the so-called missionary enthusiasm. This is what he says:

It feeds on excitement; it seeks incitements; it likes imaginative pictures drawn in highly colored tints; but it fades and faints before discouragement and difficulty. We want something nobler even than such enthusiasm—namely, simply calm, steady obedience, implicit compliance with an explicit command; not a calculating, hesitating policy, but simple, uniform, steadfast, immediate obedience.

Sits Down to Walk. The *New York Observer* makes the following comment on the remark of an Indian who, when he saw for the first time a man riding on a bicycle, exclaimed: "Ugh, Heap lazy man. Sits down to walk."

More people than ride the bicycle it is to be feared come under the head of lazy individuals who "sit down to walk." There is such a thing as having some employments made too easy for one. It is all right for a man to sit down to walk on a wheel every now and then, if only he rises up to run the serious race of life with renewed energy at other times.

Who They Are. We have never known a society that did not have its fault-finders. Strange to say the church seems to have more than its share of them. One thing may be said of every fault-finder, whether in the church or in any other society, and that is, he is never found in the ranks of the faithful, earnest workers. He is content in spending his time worrying others and keeping them from work. Have you ever known a chronic grumbler or croaker who did any real practical service for the Master? Never. There

is only one remedy for a chronic fault finder—get more of Christ into him. The more of Christ a man has the less fault he will find with his brother and the more he will find with himself.

Why They Like It. Is there such a thing as eucher-playing church members? We fear there is. Do they enjoy the game? If so, why? Is it because Christ is present with them? We think not. There is a certain pleasure they get out of the game but it is not because they have a consciousness of Christ's presence and approval. "Progressive Eucher Parties" are a positive detriment to the spirituality and growth of the church.

The Sunday Newspaper. The Sunday Newspaper has some good features about it, but the evils it works far surpass all the good it has ever done or ever will do. To-day it finds its way into more homes than ever before, yet this speaks nothing in its favor. Dr. Storrs expresses himself very decidedly on this question in the following words:

Nor is it an innovation of altogether happy augury that the Sunday newspaper now makes it self known in multitudes of households into which, a quarter of a century ago, it never entered. In some cases the Sunday newspaper is the best of the week's issue, but in others it is simply detestable. At its best, however, it occupies the minds to which the Gospel is afterward addressed, and the themes of the Church are quite outside the influence which pulsates from such a paper. A Sunday morning bath in the world's business, politics, and sporting news can hardly be a preparation for the high feeling and holy thought to which the word should be addressed.

Two Classes. Some one says that public speakers, in and out of the pulpit, may be divided into two classes, those who can think faster than they can talk and those who can talk faster than they can think. We might add that the latter are more numerous than the former. There are ministers who talk thirty minutes and yet practically say nothing. They talk but do not think. Perhaps it were better if all of us would talk less and think more.

Too Much Gum. It is stated upon good authority that the people of the United States spend annually twenty millions for chewing gum. Some one remarks that if people would masticate gum less and truth more the intelligence of the nation would be sensibly raised.

For His Sake. The following from *Word and Way* tells in a single paragraph the story of a beautiful life:

A woman styled Sister Dora gave up her life to nursing sick people. At the head of her bed a bell was fixed by which sufferers could summon her at any hour of the night. As she rose at the sound of the signal she used to murmur these words, as if they were a charm: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." It was as if the sick sufferer faded away and in the couch she saw the face that was once marred with the world's anguish. Christ's face across her fancy came, and gave the battle to her hands.

All that is human must retrograde if it do not advance.—*Gibbon*.

Queries and Answers.

Is a regenerated person in a saved state biblically?

If a regenerated person is not in a saved state then we do not see how a man can get into such a state. If we understand our Bible correctly a regenerated person is "born again," and the Savior declares that a man must be born again to enter into the kingdom of God. It must be understood that salvation begins in this life. It is not something we get after we reach heaven. Eternal life begins in us now. Of course salvation is not necessarily perfected in us now but it will be hereafter. Our answer to the above query is, yes.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUGGESTIONS.

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While New Year's resolutions are in order, why not resolve to open up that closed up Sunday-school and keep it going all year?

The lessons are especially good during this quarter and no school can miss them without great loss. They will not be soon repeated.

During the quarter there will be many opportunities for the wide awake teacher to pull a doctrinal tract from his pocket to give an inquiring scholar.

Have you a specially good way of working in your S. S.? Why not write it up for the EVANGELIST so that the rest of us can benefit by it?

Has your S. S. a Home Class department? If not, why not? It is the greatest step for good the S. S. has made in recent years. Write for descriptive circulars.

During the revival season a special effort should be made to win all the S. S. scholars to Christ. Teacher do you love your pupils, love them enough to pray in earnest and work in earnest for their salvation?

The new recruit is most willing to work. Therefore it is especially important that all accessions to the church should be made accessions to the S. S., also before they get into the soul destroying stay-at-home habit.

It is very desirable that we have a complete report of all our schools at Conference. If no accurate record has been kept heretofore, now is the time to begin.

Moody tells of a little fellow who trudged eight blocks to a S. S. right past several others, and on being asked why he went so far, replied: "They love a fellow over there."

Herein hangs a revival sermon.